श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : यह सवाल दूसरा है, ऊर्जा से संबंधित है ।

श्री सभापति : यह दूसरा ही सवाल है । जनाब आप बैठ जाइये।

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: I think; the honourable Minister is aware that ultimately all energy on -this planet i_a coming from the sun. The sun is the basic energy that we have and the only problem with this energy ig that it cannot be stored. I wish more research could be done on storage of energy. I know your department i_s doing good work in this direction. But I think intensive work needs to be done so that it will solve our problem and change the face of our country in the rural areas. It can only be done by storage of energy, by Ending new methods of storage. The other problems have already been solved. You t[a]ke energy from solar cells or from wind...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Minister, he i_s inquiring about storage.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: I would like to know whether intensive work is being done for storage of wind energy, electric energy produced by wind and energy produced in other ways. I_s the Govenment doing anything about storage?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Yes. We are very keen and conscious that this problem of storage should be solved. I believe that solar enejrgy is the only energy, is the real solution, to the energy problem of this country and we are depending on the sun.

•144. *[The questioner* (Shri Basudeb *'Mohapatra was absent For answer* -vide cols.frnfraT

145 *[The questioner (Shri Kailash Pafri Mishra and Shri Ashwani Kumar) were absent. For answer vide ools.l* infra.]

Reconstitution ol Coir Board

*146. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:! SHRl E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it i_s a fact that the Coir Board has been reconstituted recently;

(b) if so the names of the new Board Member$_s$ and the nature of interests they represent;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Kerala State where maximum coir and coir products are produced has not been given proper representation in the Board; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRl M. ARUNACHALAM) ; A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) t_0 (d) The Coir Board was reconstituted with effect from 16th September 1988 for a term of 3 years. The names of members of the reconstituted Coir Board are as under:—

(a) Growers of coconuts and producers of husks and coir yam.

1. Shri V. R. Prasad.

2. Shri Kumud Bhattacharjee— Has since resigned.

3. Shri V. K. Laxmanan.

†-The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri N. E. Balaram.

(b) Persons engaged in the pro duction of husks coir and coir yarn and in the manufacture of coir products.

4. *Srfri* Thachadi Prabhakaran.

5. Shri Kaviad Divakara Panic-ker.; t

6. Smt. Kuntala Kumari Acharya.

(c) Manufacturers of coir pro ducts.

7. Shri Jagan Phillipose.

8. Shri Peter Alphonse.

9. Shri B. Byrappaji.

(d) Dealers in coir, coir yarn and coir products including both expor ters and internal traders.

10. Shri Ravi Karunakaran.

11. Shri Radhakrishna Adiga.

12. Smt. G. Kamala Devi.

(e) Members of Parliament.

13. Shri N. Dennis (Lok Sabha).

14. Shri I. Rama Rai (Lok Sabha).

15. Shri John F. Fernandes (Rajya Sabha).

(f) Governments of principal coconut growing States.

16. Representative d& the Gov-ernment of Kerala.

17. Director of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

18. Representative of the Gov-ernment of Karnataka.

19. Commissioner of Industries, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

20. Representative of the Gov ernment of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(g) Such othe^r persons or class of persons who in the opinion of the Central Government ought to be represented on the Board.

21. Representative of the Inte grated Finance Wing of the Department of Industrial Develop ment, Ministry of Industry, New Delhi.

22. Representative of the De-partment of Industrial Development, Ministry of Industry, New Delhi.

23. Chairman, Coconut Deve-lopment Board, Cochin, Kerala.

It is not a fact that Kerala has not been given adequate representation on the Board. On the contrary, excluding eight ex-officio members and three members elected by Parliament, as many as 5 out of 12 members are from Kerala. Five States together account for the remaining 7 members on the Board.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: According to the Minister's statement out of the 23 members on the Coir Board there are only five members from Kerala. He knows that most of the coir and eiotr products are being exported from that part of the country. Would vou please, therefore, increase the representation for Kerala on the Coir Board?

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: Sir. out rf 23 members. 12 represent the public and. out of this 12, five members are from Kerala. T think this is a oropefr representation for Kerala State.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Seven members for a part'cular State.

SHRl N. E. BALARAM: Sir, there are...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour Is over.